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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <small>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</small>	Attorney Docket No.	MERCK 1883-C1
	First Inventor or Application Identifier	David COATES et al.
	Title	HOMEOTROPICALLY ALIGNED LIQUID CRYSTAL LAYER AND PROCESS FOR THE HOMEOTROPIC ALIGNMENT OF LIQUID CRYSTALS ON PLASTIC SUBSTRATES

APPLICATION ELEMENTS
See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g. PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Specification Total Pages **32**
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) Total Sheets **1**
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration Total Pages **5**
- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with box 15 completed)
- i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (usable if box 4B is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4B, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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6. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
7. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
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10. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
11. ☒ White Advance Serial No. Postcard
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15. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application no.: 09/059,297

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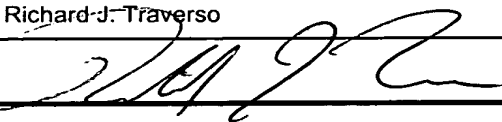
16. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

☒ This application is a ☒ Continuation ☐ Division ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)
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